

HOUSE BILL 2801
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-123, is amended by adding the following as subsection (e):

(e) In establishing rules pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall require the use of case management under the following medical cost and lost work guidelines:

(1) The injury results in medical costs of at least seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500); or

(2) The lost work time for an individual case reaches a cumulative total of at least eight (8) weeks of full-time employment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-241(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "50-6-207(3)(A)(i)" from the first sentence and substituting instead the language "50-6-207(3)(A)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-241(b), is amended by deleting the language "50-6-207(3)(A)(i)" from the first sentence and substituting instead the language "50-6-207(3)(A)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-241, is further amended by adding the following as subsection (d):

(d) The multipliers established in subsections (a) and (b) may not be used to convert permanent partial disability benefits into permanent total disability benefits under Section 50-6-207(4).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any injury occurring on or after that date.

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